

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Substantial Amendment to the FY 2005 – FY 2009 Consolidated Plan for the State of Louisiana

The Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, proposes to amend the section in the FY 2005 – FY 2009 Consolidated Plan for the State of Louisiana entitled FY 2005 Annual Action Plan and the chapter entitled Action Plan: One Year Use of Funds - Community Development Block Grant Program. The purpose of the amendment is to transfer the balance of the FY 2005 LaSTEP Fund, \$750,000 in Demonstrated Needs Funds, \$2 million of Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund monies, and any recaptured monies for use in addressing needs arising from the devastation created by Hurricane Katrina. The approximate amount of this set-aside is currently \$2.85 million.

The second paragraph of Part I. Program Goals and Objectives is amended to read “Each activity funded must meet one of the following three national objectives:”. The third national objective will be added as “C. Meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.”

The last sentence of Part II.C. Eligible Activities is revised to include “and disaster recovery projects”.

The last sentence in the fourth paragraph of Part II.E. Distribution of Funds is revised to read as “Any of the housing, Demonstrated Needs, and LaSTEP monies which are not utilized/obligated or transferred to the public facilities program category may be transferred to the disaster recovery category as deemed necessary.”

The next to the last sentence in the last paragraph of Part II. E. Distribution of Funds is revised as follows: “Any amount taken from the Revolving Loan Fund for economic development infrastructure assistance during one program year will be reimbursed at the beginning of the forthcoming program year; such reimbursement will be taken from the forthcoming program year’s economic development allocation.” A new sentence will also be added at the end of that paragraph: “Monies from the Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund may also be transferred to the disaster recovery category as deemed necessary.”

The following sentence is being added to Part II. F. Size of Grants: “No funding ceilings are being established for disaster recovery grants.”

The following paragraph is being added as the fourth paragraph in Part II. F. Size of Grants: “The State will make the determination as to the amount allowed for pre-agreement and administrative costs for the disaster recovery grants.”

The next to the last paragraph in Part II. G. Restrictions on Applying for Grants is being amended to include reference to “disaster recovery grants”.

The first paragraph in Part III. D. Submission Requirements is amended to include the following sentence: “Applications for disaster recovery funds will be submitted to the Office of Community Development on the forms and in accordance with the instructions provided by the Office of Community Development.”

The first sentence in the second paragraph of Part V. Redistribution of Funds is amended to refer to “exceptions”. That paragraph is also amended to include the following statement: “A second exception is that the State may choose to transfer any balances or funds from one funding category to another for the purpose of addressing disaster recovery needs necessitated by the devastation created by Hurricane Katrina.”

Copies of the Consolidated Plan for FY 2005 – FY 2009, including the FY 2005 Annual Action Plan, and this notice are available on the Internet at www.doa.louisiana.gov/cdbg/cdbg.htm.

Written comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted beginning September 22 2005, and will be accepted until September 26, 2005. Comments on the proposed amendment may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 or sent via facsimile to 225-342-1947.